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SJC'S MOCK TRIAL HITS THE ROAD

by Amanda Grote

SJC's Mock Trial team is about to hit the road. This year, the group will be traveling to Salt Lake City, Utah on February 17th. There will be seven students making the trip, accompanied by Judge Montfort, the faculty advisor. Each student will play a specific role in the mock case. Megan Bodnar will act as defense lawyer, David DeLauro and Don Shuler will be defense/prosecution lawyers, Maura Giles will serve as defense witness/prosecution lawyer, Shelly Wetli will be prosecution/defense witness, while Annie Campbell and Breain Ma'Ayteh act as prosecution witnesses. The case they will deal with is one of murder and mayhem. It involves two friends, Ruel Ellis and Cony Webber. Webber turns up missing, and is found dead six weeks later. Ellis becomes the

prime suspect and is brought to trial for Webber's murder.

Many important questions will come into play by both the defense and the prosecution, such as: Is the body really Cony Webber? Was Ruel Ellis too intoxicated to commit murder? If Ellis really is guilty, should he be charged with

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David DeLauro,
Mock Trial Team Captain

created by the Mock Trial Association. After learning the details of the case, the SJC Mock Trial team begins to organize their defense and prosecution strategies. The team usually practices once a week, but increases up to twice a week as the competition time approaches. The case

will be tried in front of three "judges", made up of real judges, law professors, and trial attorneys. Winning the case is not the key factor, but rather the emphasis is placed on the points each individual receives for his or her performance.

The team will perform the case four times overall, presenting both their prosecution and defense cases twice, and will be competing with other colleges, universities and law schools. Monfort added that Mock Trial is ideal for anybody who wishes to be a lawyer, or who wants to brush up on their acting skills. Not only does each team member get to see exactly how a case is put together, but they are given coaching tips as to how they can immerse themselves in the characters that they are playing.

Team Captain David DeLauro summed up the event thusly: "Mock Trial: It's fun, and it looks really good on a resume."

SAINT JOE GETS A SHOW CHOIR

by Bree Ma'Ayteh

Do you like to sing? Do you bust out with the Tootsie Roll at every school dance?

Well, then the Show Choir auditions that were held on February 1st and 2nd were the place for you to be!

How exactly did the idea for Show Choir come about? Wendy Sidener came up with the idea, and persuaded her friend Kris Dougherty to become her partner in crime. Together, they agreed it was something that could be (and should be) done at Saint Joe. "We had found out recently that a lot of our guy friends could sing...One day, after

choir rehearsal, Kris and I went up to Mo Egan and asked if we could start a show choir. We told her that we would organize it and recruit guys to be in it," Sidener explained.

The rest is history. Since then, auditions were held and, according to the girls, they were successful. The people auditioning were told to prepare a solo for the first day, and to go through a dance routine choreographed by Dougherty for the second. Says Dougherty: "We couldn't have been more excited about the people who tried out."

In regards to the kinds of things they plan to do, the freshmen will have a

show that will consist of songs that they will both sing and dance to, and it'll last between 15 to 20 minutes. Where will the Show Choir perform? "Area schools, dinners, variety shows, and other sorts of venues," said Sidener. As for when their first event will be, March 1st is the tentative date.

All in all, the Show Choir has a strong team, and its leaders are optimistic about its success. "We are hoping to provide a very entertaining show. Hopefully everyone will keep an open mind and come and see it," concluded Dougherty.

AND THE FINALISTS ARE....

by Jim Wirtes

The five finalists for the 2000 Award are: Dawn L. Harvey, Tamara Chantel Bumpers, Varon Edward Cantrell, Jeremy Michael Hoy, Jeffrey R. Capadona. Each of the finalists will be interviewed by an award committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. SJC faculty and staff will also be submitting recommendations on behalf of any/all of the candidates. The award will be presented at the 2000 Senior Dinner on Friday, April 7. Congratulations to all of the finalists!!!

Editor's Notes

Saturday, February 12:

Jewelry Workshop sponsored by the Art Club from 1 PM to 3 PM in Raleigh Hall

Monday, February 14:

St. Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 17:

Mock Trial team leaves for Salt Lake City, Utah

Monday, February 21:

"I Hate Winter" Week begins

Wednesday, February 23:

"The Dating Game" in the Ballroom at 8 PM

Thursday, February 24:

Open Mic Night in the Ballroom at 8 PM

Friday, February 25:

Suitcase Party in the Ballroom from 9 PM to 12 AM

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Is parking a problem on campus?



The parking situation on campus needs some attention. With the large influx of summer students in the recent years, the limited of spaces, especially around College and Union, have become a serious commodity. The college should look into expanding the parking by adding lots and not only around these two areas but around others as well. An other issue which needs attention is the lack of security in the lot around of the freshmen sophomore parking. Many times I have seen cars with valuables left in the lot for days at a time. If addressed, this might also help combat some of the parking problems.

David Johnson '02



Parking is a problem on campus. There are only a few parking spaces for the Union center, and parking at College during a basketball game is virtually impossible. Since most of the parking is limited for the students of upperclassmen on campus, and leaving a parking mark on parking space. However, the recently approved Master Plan is designed to solve all these issues. The issue of east and sophomore traffic has been resolved in the plan to provide a "campus" atmosphere. You can look at the new Master Plan and be satisfied to campus parking at a new masterpiece.

Chris Campbell '02



Union center had a problem with finding a parking space at St. Joe. Though, that is probably due to the fact that I got to school early in the morning, and not the main parking lot, which has most spaces that month. I had just for those students who are going to party on the main lot, and other than that I got a chance to see the day when there are no cars in the lot. I would suggest more "open" parking lot, but I don't have a suggestion for where to put them.

David Harvey '02



You, David, could be a larger parking area closer to College and Union. I can't speak for all of the parking on campus, and the College Union problem. It's hard to find parking there because of the lot for the parking lot, and the lot is not a lot. I would like to see a lot of parking, but the difficulty is in finding one where there is. My suggestion is to expand the lot at the end of the lot, but the lot is not a lot.

Roger Jones '02

Wal-Mart Parking

Looking for a place to go to Wal-Mart? You can't find it, and you can't find it. Wal-Mart is a store that has a lot of parking spaces, and it's a store that has a lot of parking spaces. It's a store that has a lot of parking spaces, and it's a store that has a lot of parking spaces.

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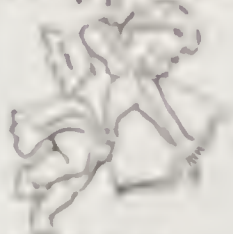
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Top 10 Least Popular Valentine's Day Gifts

10. Nothing
9. Dried flowers
8. Electric heart topper
7. Artichoke heart
6. Gift certificate for one free item left
5. Love letter from your grandma
4. Box of half eaten chocolates
3. Lingerie two sizes too small and a Tie-Dye Cup
2. Bouquet of flowers with a card that reads, "In memory of our loving uncle"
1. Ring with his ex-girlfriend's birthstone



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KAIROS FINALLY GETS A CHANCE TO "LIVE THE FOURTH"

by Sharra Robertson

With Kairos XXVII cancelled in October, many people may have wondered whether or not there would be a retreat this winter. With all the activities that students are involved in, it is hard to find a weekend that is relatively free of prior commitments. However, there was no need to worry about that, because Brother Tim, along with the team that was originally scheduled to work Kairos XXVII, put together an experience that none of the participants will soon forget.

Eighteen leaders were gathered together to lead Kairos XXVIII, and they

spent many months planning this retreat. Assembled in May of 1999, this team went through the planning process for the fall Kairos, only for the retreat to be cancelled.

There weren't enough students interested in attending to make it possible to hold Kairos. However, the team wasn't discouraged, and saved the retreat they had planned for the last weekend in January. This time, they weren't disappointed;

"Kairos went great! The leadership team was really psyched with the whole weekend and...the retreatants were, too."

Lizz Musick, Kairos XXVII Rector

ing that this Kairos was different from all others. For this semester's Kairos, the retreatants and team were in contact (via email) with approximately five hundred people across the country as well

twenty-one students signed up to attend. Co-rectors for the retreat were Jeremy Hoy and Lizz Musick. Says Lizz of the retreat: "Kairos went great! The leadership team was really psyched with the whole weekend and I think it is safe to say that the retreatants were too."

Brother Tim also had some interesting information; reporting that this Kairos was different from all others. For this semester's Kairos, the retreatants and team were in contact (via email) with approximately five hundred people across the country as well

as in Chile, South America, and with the Generalate in Rome. These people included priests, brothers, sisters, lay people, and former members of the C.P.P.S., who all pledged to pray for the success of the retreat as well as the leaders and participants. "Jeremy and Lizz did a wonderful job of coordinating the team," Brother Tim also commented.

MSU MAKES BIG PLANS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

by Nick Schafer

During the long stretch between Christmas and the end of the year, there is only one really substantial break for students and faculty to look forward to—Spring Break. This week-long vacation is a time during which most SJC students travel to warmer climates and let loose before final exams in May.

The members of the Minority Student Union (MSU) are planning a Spring Break trip of their own this year. The club's destination for the trip will be Cancun, Mexico. Planning to stay for

the entire week, the group has fun and relaxation as high priorities for the excursion.

While their big project over the next few months will be planning for Spring Break, the MSU remains active on campus. One of the boards many projects is the establishment of a Bible class. The class meets on Wednesday nights at 7 PM, and is open to all.

When asked about the goals of the Bible class, MSU president Varon Cantrell commented, "The idea behind



the Bible class is to allow for those of us who are not of "Catholic" faith to get together in order to read the Word of God. We once again have opened our doors to all that desire to participate. The goal is to keep us focused on the "bigger" picture; that being our love and commitment to God who is our Lord and Savior and the head of our lives."

The MSU is involved in many projects around campus and extends an invitation to all SJC students.

SJC PROFESSOR TO BE FEATURED IN HBO SPECIAL

by Maia Kingman
(reprinted from SJC website)

Dr. Neal Haskell, a biology professor at Saint Joseph's College, will be featured in the seventh episode of the HBO series "Autopsy." This episode will highlight a Pennsylvania murder case in which Haskell, a board-certified entomologist and a forensic entomology consultant, testified about insect evidence collected at the crime scene. Haskell's testimony was largely responsible for the acquittal of a man who had previously been convicted of the murder of a Virginia woman.

The Pennsylvania case was an important one for Haskell. "It was my first defense case," he notes, "and it warmed

my heart to receive a letter from the defendant expressing his thanks for my testimony." It was Haskell's expertise that made it possible to pinpoint the time that the crime had been committed. "Time was a critical factor in this case," he explains. "The insects were saying that the victim had been murdered fifteen to eighteen hours before she was found. The defendant had an alibi for those hours."

Haskell is a leading expert in his field and is often consulted in high profile murder cases. In 1999 alone, he was involved in eight death penalty murder trials. Haskell's book, *Entomology and Death: A Procedural Guide*, co-edited

with E. Paul Catts of Washington State University, was the first forensic entomology guide that included protocol for scene collection techniques.



Because it is so widely consulted, the book underwent a second printing in 1997 after its initial publication in 1990.

The HBO special adds to the growing list of radio and television programs that have featured Haskell and his work. This list includes NPR's "Radio Science Friday," PBS's "How Things Work," the Learning Channel's "Canada Discovery," and the Discovery Channel's "Web of Clues," which has aired a number of times, due to the program's popularity.

Haskell has been associated with Saint Joseph's College since 1995 when he joined the faculty to teach a forensics

class. He is now a full time faculty member and prepares his students for the rigors of forensic entomology by having them analyze evidence from real court cases. "It's good experience for students who are interested in pursuing a career in forensics," Haskell notes. "They have a rare opportunity to observe how their work would be put to use in real court cases."

A TIME OF JUBILEE

by Nick Schafer

On Monday January 31st, the Jubilee Doors (the center doors of the Chapel) were once again opened. The service was ecumenical, and therefore, opened to all denominations. Overseeing the service was SJC's Chaplain Father Jim Challancin, and local pastor the Reverend Daniel Earhart.

The service started with a greeting by both of the spiritual leaders, followed by the music of the SJC Choir. Under the direction of Morgan Egan the choir delivered another stellar performance. In addition to the traditional sounds of the SJC Chorus, the SJC Gospel Choir presented several selections to honor the importance of the celebration.

In addition to the music and message presented by the two ministers, several selections from scripture were read.

All in all, the service showed how people from different walks of life, and members of the different denominations could come together and worship in peace and harmony. Said Nick Schafer, "It is nice to see that we can put aside the differences between our denominations and join in the worship of God."

APATHY AT SJC: WHO REALLY CARES?

—by Heather Hagan—

The reputation of Generation X is marked by many unflattering characteristics—a lack of commitment, self-absorbedness, and questionable morals, to name just a few. But perhaps the most common and most unfavorable word used to describe Generation X is “apathetic.” True to stereotype, apathy has often reared its ugly head at SJC.

One indication of this apathy on the SJC campus is the lack of participation in student government. When the Student Association and Senate elections were held this past December, a number of students ran unopposed. In fact, all of the officers on the Student Association Executive Board—the core group of individuals who head the student body—ran unopposed. SA President Phil Schroeder stated, “Even though I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the students, I almost feel like I’m doing a job that no one else wants. It definitely shouldn’t be that way.”

Opinions differ as to why this apathy exists. Some maintain that young people are either A) too lazy or B) simply don’t care enough to change the world around them. This problem extends beyond SJC. In the 1996 presidential election, only 32.4% of the nation’s 18-

24 year olds voted, showing that the general college student population falls in the lowest percentage of voting Americans. This would seem to indicate a lack of concern on the part of young people for the world around them and a lack of desire to try to make a difference.

Still, others believe that it is not that students don’t want to make a difference, rather they do not realize that they *can* make a difference. They simply do not realize that they are the ones responsible for making positive changes and improving the environment in which they live. Student Activities Director Stacey Lazenby commented, “Sometimes a student will complain about a certain policy on campus but may not be willing to take the initiative to modify it. I don’t feel a student has the right to complain about an issue if they don’t have the will to change it themselves.”

“I think that many students feel as though they can’t make positive changes on campus,” added SA Executive Vice President Chris Campbell. “It is important for students to realize that they can cause things to change on campus, especially through involvement with student government.”

According to Schroeder, students need to step up and realize their own leadership potential. “I know

that some students out there are incredible leaders,” he stated. “It would please this student body greatly to see more of them show their concern by taking on the role of representation.”

Students who do choose to get involved find that there are many rewards in doing so. For example, the resume of an involved and active student can make a favorable impression on a potential employer. Career Center Director Cheri Irons said, “Involvement in activities increases a student’s life experiences, skills, and individual character—all of which an employer wants to see. A student that displays interest and involvement will express to an employer qualities such as leadership, teamwork, productivity and time management.”

Of course, a student’s primary motivation should not be simply to enhance his or her resume. There is motivation to be found in the betterment of the community as well as in the personal rewards that involvement can bring.

“Too many students have not realized that college anywhere—and especially at Saint Joe—is what they make of it,” said Junior Class President Tara Hairston. “If you choose to be involved, it seems to make life here so much more fulfilling and rewarding.”



Valentine's Day Review: Another *Affair to Remember*

—by Don Shanahan—

Since the “Best of 1999” article last issue, I’ve been called a “softy” for putting movies like *Message in a Bottle* and *For Love of the Game* on my list. I don’t mind the stereotype and I’m going to stick with it to review a movie called *The End of the Affair* for this Valentine’s edition of *At the Movies with Don*. I’ll tell you one thing, boys— as far as date movies go, a good romantic drama works every time. I like to call them “butter movies.” Once you watch one together, she’ll melt like butter in your hands. She’ll love that you’re sensitive and passionate enough to watch such a deeply romantic movie. If you’re looking for that kind of movie, read on to learn about *The End of the Affair*.

The End of the Affair stars Ralph Fiennes of *The English Patient* (another butter movie) and Julianne Moore of *Boogie Nights* and *Magnolia*, both former Oscar nominees. It is directed by Neil Jordan (*Interview with a Vampire*, *In Dreams*) and is based

on the novel by acclaimed WWII writer Graham Greene. The story surrounds the circumstances of a torrid love affair between a novelist and his friend’s wife set in the backdrop of the blitzkrieg bombings of London during World War II.

Fiennes plays Maurice Bendrix, a writer venting his jealousy and hate over the bitter end of a past affair into a new novel. He narrates a sweeping story of forbidden love for Sarah Miles (Moore), the wife of his friend Henry (Neil Jordan’s regular actor Stephen Rea, another past Oscar nominee). Told over erotic flashbacks, their consuming love story is told. They meet in seclusion and secrecy in hotels or at his flat while London is shook by the bombardment of the Germans. That was two years ago and Maurice has not seen Sarah since it last ended.

In a coincidental meeting on a rainy night, Maurice runs into a depressed Henry, which leads to Maurice encountering Sarah again. Like Rick meeting Ilsa after years apart in *Casablanca*, Maurice is bitter and cannot forgive Sarah for leaving him, yet he still loves

her. Sarah has made promises and won’t leave her husband. What ensues from there is one of the best stories of romance and drama I’ve ever seen. Passionate, deeply moving, and sad, the result is perfection.

The End of the Affair opened in limited release over Christmas and expanded out in January. The movie was recently among the nominees for Best Picture-Drama, Best Director, and Best Musical Score at the Golden Globe Awards last month. Well reviewed among critics, it will surely garner some Oscar nominations next week and I can easily see why. The rainy scenery, the serenading music, and steady pace (the movie is only 102 minutes) are very well done. The performances are equally spectacular and the story is amazing. Ralph Fiennes and Julianne Moore are both masters at showing inner pain and intensity. Like I said before, romantic dramas are guaranteed to impress the date, gentleman. It’s Valentine’s Day. Treat her to a good movie for a change.

❁❁❁ Puma Profiles: Caryn Frangella

—by Mandy Meyers—

At first glance you may not think Caryn Frangella is a student. I know I made that mistake. She always appears to be so busy and often resembles a member of the faculty or staff. However Caryn is a senior here at SJC and she has a great deal to be proud of -- from her role in Admissions to the knowledge she's gained on her internships.

Caryn graduated from North Newton High School in 1996. While here at SJC she has been earning her degree in Mass Communications with a minor in Sociology. What takes up most of Caryn's time is not only her classes but also her involvement with Admissions, TV-6 Puma News and Views, Puma Rock, and the many internships that she has completed.

During the past four years Caryn has worked in the Admissions office. She began an internship with the office during her junior year. Last November an admissions counselor position became available and Caryn was offered the job. Now she is currently working part time while she finishes up her degree.

Caryn recruits students from Northwest Indiana who reside in Lake County. She has many responsibilities such as evaluating academic credentials and giving presentations to prospective students and their families. However her main interest is the international students. She feels that a larger international population would benefit the campus. "It would add more diversity and enhance the campus atmosphere and life," she said. "It could possibly add to the experiences of students, faculty and staff alike."

Caryn has also had the opportunity to intern at the CBS affiliate in West Lafayette working as a broadcast reporter and also at the Jasper County Habitat for Humanity where she served as a public relations associate. While working for CBS, Caryn wrote copy, held interviews, and edited footage. She said that it really gave her an insight into what live news is all about. However, when she served as a public relations associate she had a lot of hands-on training. She went to board meetings, wrote press releases, designed brochures, and wrote monthly newsletters during her internship.

Being a commuter student does have its drawbacks, Caryn admits. She says it is hard to be so involved and have to commute everyday. But it has saved her money in the long run, which is the main



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reason she chose to commute. She hopes that in the future the campus can start to accommodate the day students' needs by designing activities that make it easier for them to participate.

After graduation Caryn hopes to pursue a career in the communications field. She has enjoyed all the work and experiences she's had in public relations and would someday like to get into the business aspect of communications.

As for the future, Caryn says she wants to pay back all her student loans. She wants to work somewhere that she enjoys, can be creative and apply all that she has learned over the years. Somewhere down the road she wants to earn her masters degree.

Caryn is just one of the many busy seniors here at SJC. She manages her time well between class, work and her many activities. What's important is the fact that she's made an effort to be involved. Some people hesitate or don't care to get involved whether it be a day or regular student. Caryn had definitely made an impact on campus even though she does not live here.

“[International students] would add more diversity and enhance the campus atmosphere and life.”

(Frangella on her role in Admissions as recruiter of international students)

Column

A Winter Wonderland Nightmare

—by Heather Hagan—

I can tell I'm getting older because snow just isn't as much fun as it used to be. In the old days, even the lightest dusting of snow was cause for celebration. Anything that would lead to school being cancelled was all right by me. But the minute you get your driver's license, your whole perspective on snow changes. Suddenly you understand why your parents griped about snow all those years. You never had to drive in it, so you had no idea that it could actually be the biggest hassle ever.

And snow days? Yes, those too are a thing of the past. I can't imagine what it would take for classes to be cancelled here at SJC. Clearly a foot of snow and -10 temperatures aren't enough, as these past few weeks have illustrated. Nevermind the fact that we had to traverse our way through the arctic tundra just to get to class. Which leads me to my main point in writing this: What is going on with the snow removal situation at this school?

The main roads on campus, I will say, were not handled badly. They could have been a little clearer, but they were acceptable. For the most part, they were well-plowed and salted. But the parking lots and sidewalks are another matter entirely. I very nearly killed myself several times just trying to walk up the steps to Halleck (and trust me, no café food is worth that risk!) Not to mention the fact that all the snow that was plowed off the road in front of Justin was plowed into a huge heap directly in front of the sidewalk. What good is it to have the roads plowed if we still have to cross a mountain of snow just to get into the dorm?

What really amazes me is the fact that the parking lots weren't plowed until over a week after the first initial snowfall. Call me crazy, but wouldn't it make more sense to plow the lots before all the snow gets packed down and turns to ice? Just a thought.

In all seriousness, I realize that for the people who handle snow removal on campus, the amount of snow we've received in the past few weeks has presented them with a mammoth task. But the condition of the SJC campus of late has been downright hazardous for students, faculty and staff alike. I believe that better planning and organization in how snow removal is handled would lead to better conditions in the future.

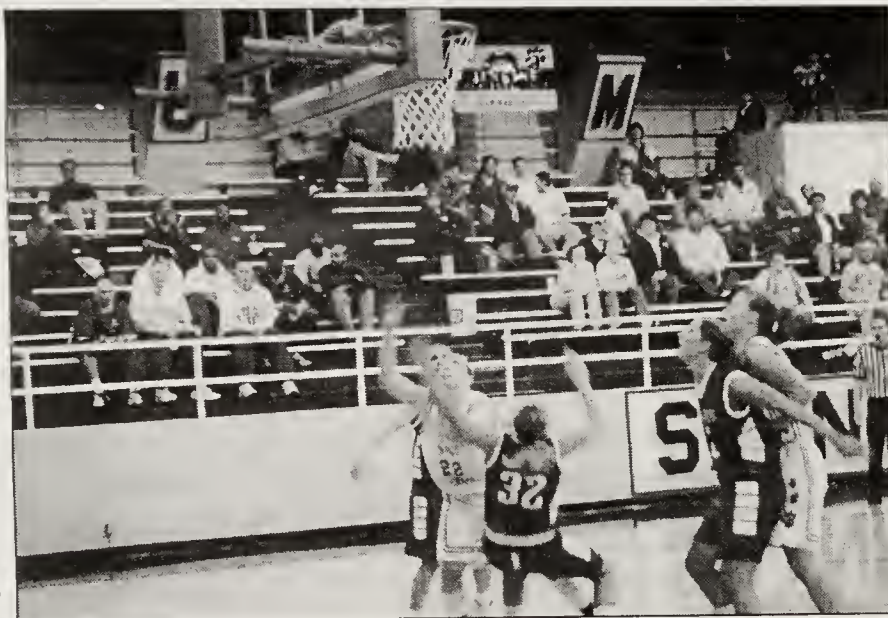
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Hupfer Topples Scoring Record

Saint Joseph's College Sports Information Press Release

Senior forward Angie Hupfer became the career scoring leader at Saint Joseph's College at the 9:02 mark of the second half of the Saint Joseph's College at Southern Indiana game this past Thursday, February 3rd. Hupfer hit a three-pointer to pass Jeannette Yeoman on the all-time scoring list in men's and women's basketball history at Saint Joseph's College. Yeoman finished her 4-year career at Saint Joseph's College with 2,280 points. The senior tri-captain finished the evening with 15 points and then at Southern Illinois Edwardsville this past Saturday, Hupfer scored a game high 22 points for the 5-14, 3-10 Lady Pumas.



College, Hupfer has scored 2,305 points in her three-plus year collegiate career at Saint Joseph's College. She also ranks in the top 11 lists in three other statistical categories: rebounds (2nd, 951), steals (6th, 203) and blocked shots (tied for 11th, 43). The Pendleton, Indiana, native is also the Great Lakes Valley Conference all-time career leader in

points (1,691), rebounds (635), field goals made (627) and field goals attempted (1,238).

This season, Hupfer is averaging 23.9 points, 8.6 rebounds, 1.58 assists and 2.05 steals per game. She is shooting 49% from the field, 35% from three's and 77% from the free throw line. Hupfer is the GLVC leader in scoring and is 2nd in rebounding. She is also the nation's second leading scorer with her 23.9 scoring average.

Lady Pumas' Top 10 Career Scorers

1. Angie Hupfer	2305
2. Jeanette Yeoman	2280
3. Tracy Payne	1807
4. Tia Glass	1802
5. Sloan Haughey	1514
6. Linda Wiesenbahn	1452
7. Jennifer Voreis	1444
8. Tamara Bumpers	1439
9. Judy Stewart	1261
10. Karen Deno	1144

Hupfer's GLVC Career Records

Conference Games Only

Points 1691	Rebounds 635
FG Made 627	FG Attempts 1238

Going into this weekend's home games with Bellarmine College and Kentucky Wesleyan

Photo by Charles Martin

Angie Hupfer has averaged 22 points per game during her four seasons at SJC.

Track Competes at Saginaw Valley

Pumas find stiff competition up north

by Clark Teuscher

The results might not have been what was desired, but the effort and improvement shown certainly was.

The Saint Joseph's College men's track and field team finished fourth out of four teams Friday at the SVSU Quad Meet at Saginaw Valley State University, while the women's team finished fifth out of five. However, nearly two-thirds of the team improved their performances from previous meets, and several athletes are on the verge of qualifying for the Division II National Championships in March.

One of those athletes is junior distance runner Jared Weller, who is undefeated in the past two meets at the 5000 meters. Weller broke the SJC record two weekends ago at Grand Valley State, clocking a 15:07.71 to smash the old mark by 24 seconds. He had hoped to reach the provisional standard of 14:50 at SVSU.

It was not to be though, as Weller did

not find the same level of competition this time around. He led by a large margin from wire to wire, and with no one to run with, he slowed but still placed first in 15:27.76.

"It's nice to win, but I could have run a lot faster," said Weller. "You get pretty tired when you're on your own."

"I still think I'm in good enough shape to run fast enough to qualify."

Weller was not the only Puma to come home victorious, as Ricky McCray won the 55 meter dash in 6.67 seconds, Tim Newman won by a lean at the tape in the 800 in 1:57.19, freshman James Perkins claimed 400-meter honors in 50.60 and Dana Collins captured the 55-meter hurdle title in 8.58 seconds. Collins' time was just .18 seconds from a national qualifier.

Finishing second for the Puma men were Kevin Moeller in the mile (4:28.32) and Greg Myers in the high jump. Myers tied the school record with a leap of six feet, eight inches.

Aaron Thomas finished third in the

weight throw (51'9.5") while Josh Hughes and Joe Koczan finished fourth in the high jump (6'6") and shot put (47'8"), respectively.

Other top finishers were Perkins (5th, 200, 23.59), Jeff Barker (5th, 5000, 15:57), Cory Walters (5th, Pole Vault, 13'1"), Matt Stout (6th, 5000, 16:07), Jason Johnson (6th, 55 Hurdles, 8.18, and long jump, 21'1.75"), Chris McHugh (7th, 800, 2:05.24), Derek Serna (7th, 3000, 9:24), Justin Evans (7th, 55 Hurdles, 8.19), Clark Teuscher (8th, 3000, 9:26), and Evan Gault (8th, shot put, 40'9.5").

For the Lady Pumas, top eight finishers were Lindsay Bridwell (4th, high jump, 4'9"), and 6th, triple jump, 28'3.75"), Julie Duerksen (5th, 200, 27.94), Melissa Kleinmaus (5th, 400, 1:01.92), Maria Toledo (5th, 5000, 19:16), Jill Leffler (6th, mile, 5:45), Becky Garza (6th, shot put, 38'7.75"), and 8th, weight throw, 42'5"), Teresa Gaura (7th, 800, 2:30.31), Shana Wyatt (7th, 5000, 19:40), and Holly Ann Stefaniak (8th, 3000, 11:27).

Next up for the two teams is a return engagement at Grand Valley State on Saturday, February 12th. It will be the last of three straight meets in the state of Michigan for the Pumas.

Upcoming SJC Athletic Events

Thursday, February 10th
Basketball vs. Bellarmine, Women-5:30 pm, Men-7:30

Saturday, February 12th
Basketball vs. Kentucky Wesleyan, Women-1:00pm, Men-3:00

Track and Field at Grand Valley State, 11:00am

Tuesday, February 15th
Basketball vs. IPFW, Women-5:30, Men-7:30

Thursday, February 17th
Basketball at Northern Kentucky, Women-5:30, Men-7:30

Men's Tennis Season Set to Begin

Young Puma Netters Face Uphill Battle

by Jill Masters

A year of recruiting gone sour has done little to dampen Saint Joseph's College head tennis coach John Barrientos' spirits as he and his men's team prepare to open play in the 2000 season.

For the past few years, Barrientos, who has been with the Pumas for 20 years, has seen good players leave at the last second for other schools because they are being offered more money. "We are hurting for players because the bigger schools, like Northern Kentucky, are buying the players out."

Barrientos commented that everything that could go wrong with recruiting during the summer did go wrong with regards to players committing to St. Joseph's and then leaving. He

Role Reversal Saint Joe student assistant sees game from different angle

by Chrissy Scafide

"The biggest difference, I think, is the time that's put in," explained senior Mick Mancuso when asked about his transition from being a basketball player to a coach for the Saint Joseph's College Pumas.

Mancuso was asked to be a coach last season and was given time to evaluate his options over the summer. Because of an unfortunate Achilles tendon injury, he was not able to perform to the best of his ability and decided to take head coach Dave Balza up on his offer. He is now an assistant coach on the varsity team and the head coach of the developmental squad.

"Coach saw how well the guys listened to me and that I did a lot of the right stuff on the court. When I was asked to be a coach, I liked the idea. I was pumped and excited."

Part of the time that goes in to being a coach, Mancuso explained, is that people sometimes fail to see the preparations that go on behind the scenes, such as the work that goes in to getting a practice done right and a game plan worked out. Also, much time and effort are put in for recruiting and scouting prospective players.

"It requires a lot more time than I thought. I thought I'd have to put in the same amount of time as I did as a player, but coach-

ing requires more mental work than the physical work," Mancuso states.

Although it takes more time and effort than expected, Mancuso is able to use his ability to look at situations from a players' standpoint to his advantage.

"I think it is good for our staff that I was on the team just last year. The other coaches hadn't played in a while. I was able to talk to coach Balza and get him to see things in a different light."

There are surely some challenges that Mancuso has run into during his new coaching experience. He claims that it can get tough sometimes when some of the older players refuse to listen to him because they played with him and do not always consider him an authority figure.

"It's hard for them too, because I'm their coach on the floor, but we can laugh and joke around in the cafeteria as well."

Another challenge that he had had to face is taking over the head job on the developmental team. It has been a huge challenge and a tremendous learning experience. He admits that some of the learning process has come from some of the failures that he has had along the way.

Finally, a major factor in his transition from being a player to being a coach is simply that he's not playing for the Pumas.

"Sure, I miss being a player come game time when warm ups are going on and it's a close game situation. But I don't miss being hurt during practices and going through all the pain."

even saw things go wrong recently over Christmas break. He had two Mexican players ready to board a plane to come and play for the men's team this season. The problem came when the NCAA told informed Barrientos that the paperwork would not likely be done in time for the men to play this year.

Currently the team consists of five players, just short of the minimum of six to compete as a team. The team consists of freshmen Michael Parrish and Jeremy Trennepohl and sophomores Russell Regan, Ted Schirr and Greg Gulvas.

"I love a challenge, but I am not a miracle worker. I'll tell it like it is because you can't fool these guys." What his team lacks in experience, he hopes to make up for athleticism. "I want my guys to be in the best possible shape that they can be in." By being in the best possible physical shape, Barrientos is trying to negate the team's youth and give them a chance to be competitive.

The men's tennis team will begin play

on Saturday, February 26th, 2000, with an indoor match against the Ravens of Anderson University. The Pumas will be looking to avenge a loss to the Ravens from last season. The Pumas will host the match to be held in the Hanson Rec Center at 10:00am.

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Silence

The quiet serenity that
we can surround ourselves in
to share moments with
no one else.
Where the mind and soul connect
creating genius and works
of art beyond
normal comprehension.
For a moment
it lasts,
then another comes,
filled with noise;
disrupting, ruining, and shattering
the complete
silence.

~ Ann O'Donnell

Seeking Love

*it all seems so improbable
and yet i continue to seek
that rush of emotion
that leaves my soul weak;
the thought of two souls connecting
with no idea of what's to come
is mysterious and exciting
it leaves all my defenses undone
love is so very risky
so many times it ends in pain,
yet the hurts are outweighed
by the inevitable gain,
and so i choose to seek love
and now i truly know
that whether i find it or not
the seeking will make me grow.*

~ Blaire Henley

At the Movies with Don:

The Third Time is a Charm

The history of trilogies in movies is long and very distinguished. There's *The Godfather*, *Star Wars* and the brewing prequel trilogy, *Die Hard*, and even National Lampoon's *Vacation* trilogy. Those are the greats that stand out above an even longer list of terrible sequels (*Speed 2*, *Batman and Robin*, and any *Rocky* other than I or IV), and especially pointless horror sequels (the exhausting *Friday the 13th* and *Nightmare on Elm Street* follow-ups). All of this history brings us to *Scream 3*, the latest trilogy on the big screen. As the TV ads and the previews preach, "all bets are off" in the final chapter of a trilogy. Anything can happen, and it does.

It's a year or so after The Windsor College killings of *Scream 2* and Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) has drowned herself in seclusion. She has changed her name and lives in the middle of the mountains of Monterrey. Her only contact to the outside world is working as an anonymous support operator on a women's hotline from her house, hoping to put the past behind her.

Meanwhile, *Stab 3*, "the movie within the movie" to the past killings, is the hottest production in Hollywood with Deputy Dewey (David Arquette) working as a technical advisor. Pardoned killer Cotton Weary (Live Schrieber) hosts America's most popular talk show. Gale Weathers (Courtney Cox Arquette) is freelancing after a stint on *60 Minutes II*. All of these angles crash together when a prominent long time character gets offed in the *Scream*-tradition opening shocker. As before, the body count grows,

the rules are out the window, and the killer wants Sidney.

As with all the *Scream* movies, the big mystery is the identity of the killer. Could it be original characters Dewey or Gale gone bad? Is it another lost relative of past killers or Sidney's family? Is it the homicide cop (Patrick Dempsey) who seems to have a thing for Sidney? Has someone seemingly returned from the dead to exact revenge? Could one of the *Stab 3* cast members (centerfold Jenny McCarthy, Parker Posey of *Dazed and Confused*, among others), the director (Scott Foley of TV's "Felicity"), or producer (the always creepy Lance Henriksen) be a little too obsessed with their subject matter? It's always the person you least expect, but telling you, of course, ruins the movie and my lips are sealed.

Back in 1997, *Scream 2* disappointed its fair share of people by not living up to the original, but *Scream 3* makes up for it. The original *Scream* from 1996 was groundbreaking for its fresh take on the horror genre with the wit and humor of its characters knocking all of those famously cheesy cliches to the point of spoofing itself. Even after dozens of copycat horror movies over the last few years, *Scream 3* is genuinely scary, fast paced, and unpredictable. It is, without a doubt, a fitting end to arguably the best horror movie series ever. It is the big release of February and a great date movie. Even if you have grown sick of youth generation horror movies, *Scream 3* will impress you.

By Don Shanahan

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Did you know that Cupid was married?

Cupid has always played a role in the celebrations of love. Those whose hearts are pierced by his arrows fall deeply in love. In Greek mythology he was known as Eros, the young son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. To the Romans, he was Cupid, son of Venus. But where there's love, there often is jealousy. Venus was jealous of the beauty of Psyche, a mere mortal, and ordered Cupid to punish her (for being so beautiful). Instead, Cupid fell deeply in love and took her as his wife. But as a mortal she was for-

bidden to look at him. Eventually, her sisters convinced her to look at the handsome Cupid. As punishment, Venus demanded that she perform three hard tasks, the last of which caused Psyche's death. Cupid found her lifeless on the ground and removed the eternal sleep from her body. The gods, moved by their love, then granted Psyche immortality. Cupid is still around shooting his arrows. Psyche represents the struggles of the human soul.

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